I claim:

1. A framing jig for positioning and securing framing members, comprising:

a rigid body of generally rectangular shape;

a plurality of notches opening to one side of said rigid body, each of said notches having open length and width dimensions conforming, respectively, to width and thickness dimensions of said framing members; and

an opening formed in said rigid body between two of said notches to serve as a handle by which said framing jig is grasped;

whereby when said framing jig is positioned with one of said notches around a pre-installed framing member, unsecured framing members may be positioned in the other of said notches to establish proper spacing during framing.

2. The framing jig according to claim 1, wherein said rigid body measures approximately 18⅞ inches in length, approximately 4 inches in width, and approximately 1 inch in thickness.

3. The framing jig according to claim 1, wherein said rigid body is fabricated of wood.

4. The framing jig according to claim 1, wherein each of said plurality of notches measures approximately 1½ inches in width and approximately 3¼ inches in length.

5. The framing jig according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of notches are equally spaced along the one side of said rigid body.

6. The framing jig according to claim 5, wherein the spacing between each of said plurality of notches measures 16 inches.

7. The framing jig according to claim 1, wherein said opening is oval in shape.

8. The framing jig according to claim 1, wherein each of said plurality of notches constrains a corresponding framing member inserted therein along three sides, thereby serving as a brace against movement of said framing member.

9. A framing jig for positioning and securing framing members having a uniform cross-section, comprising:

a rigid elongate body having a first side;

a pair of laterally-spaced notches opening from the first side of said rigid body, each of said notches having open dimensions conforming to the cross-section of said framing members; and

an opening formed centrally through said rigid between said pair of notches to serve as a handle by which said framing jig is grasped;

whereby when said framing jig is positioned with one of said notches around a pre-installed framing member, unsecured framing members may be positioned in the other of said notches to

establish proper spacing during framing.

10. The framing jig according to claim 9, wherein said rigid body measures approximately 18⅞ inches in length, approximately 4 inches in width, and approximately 1 inch in thickness.

11. The framing jig according to claim 9, wherein said rigid body is fabricated of wood.

12. The framing jig according to claim 9, wherein both of said of notches measures approximately 1½ inches in width and approximately 3¼ inches in length.

13. The framing jig according to claim 9, wherein said pair of notches are equally spaced from a center of the first side of said rigid body.

14. The framing jig according to claim 13, wherein the spacing between said pair of notches measures 16 inches.

15. The framing jig according to claim 9, wherein said opening is oval in shape.

16. The framing jig according to claim 9, wherein each of said pair of notches constrains a corresponding framing member inserted therein along three sides, thereby serving as a brace against movement of said framing member.